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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the document Nos. 1 to 10 which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore Applicant is submitting herewith a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language document Nos. 8 to 10, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of an English language European Search Report from the European Patent Office in a counterpart application citing such documents, including that portion of the European Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the European Patent Office.

Further, Applicant encloses English language abstracts for document Nos. 8 to 10, and point out that document No. 8 corresponds to the listed EP 1-118385 (document No. 3), document No. 9 corresponds to the listed EP 1-064999 (document No. 6), and document No. 10 corresponds to the listed document No. 1.

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